

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A liquid supplying member, for supplying liquid from a liquid container to a liquid ejection head which are provided in a liquid ejection apparatus, the liquid supplying member comprising:

a plurality of elastic members, each of which is elongated in a first direction so as to have a first face and a second face, such that a plurality of first and second faces are provided, the elastic members being arrayed in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction;

a first film member, commonly joined to the first face of each of the elastic members; and

a second film member, commonly joined to the second face of each of the elastic members, such that a passage, through which the liquid is supplied from the liquid container to the liquid ejection head, extending in the first direction is hermetically defined between the adjacent elastic members by inner faces of the first film member and the second film member.

9. (original) The liquid supplying member as set forth in claim 8, wherein at least one of the elastic members is formed with a recessed portion such that a width of the passage is enlarged thereat.

10. (original) The liquid supplying member as set forth in claim 8, wherein each of the first film member and the second film member comprises an inner layer having a first permeability for gas and water, and an outer layer having a second permeability for gas and water which is less than the first permeability.

11. (original) The liquid supplying member as set forth in claim 8, wherein each of the elastic members is comprised of elastomer.

12. (original) The liquid supplying member as set forth in claim 8, wherein each of the first film member and the second film member is heat welded to the elastic members.

13. (original) The liquid supplying member as set forth in claim 8, wherein a connector having a higher rigidity than the elastic members, and having an opening communicated with the passage is provided at each end of the elastic members.

14. (original) The liquid supplying member as set forth in claim 8, wherein each of the first film member and the second film member has flexibility.

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Claims 15-33 (canceled).

34. (original) A liquid ejection apparatus in which the liquid supplying member as set forth in claim 8 is extended from the liquid container to the liquid ejection head.

35. (original) The liquid ejection apparatus as set forth in claim 34, wherein the liquid supplying member is flexed such that either the first film member or the second film member faces inwards.

36. (original) The liquid ejection apparatus as set forth in claim 34, wherein:
the elastic member is formed with a recessed portion such that a width of the passage is enlarged thereat; and
the recessed portion is situated closer to the liquid ejection head than the liquid container.

Claims 37 and 38 (canceled)